

Thursday, May 25, 1995

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Supplemental Rescissions Conference Report and Congressional Budget Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7405–S7581*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 851–866, S. Res. 125–127, and S. Con. Res. 15 and 16.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 333, to direct the Secretary of Energy to institute certain procedures in the performance of risk assessments in connection with environmental restoration activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–87)

S. 291, to reform the regulatory process, to make government more efficient and effective, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–88)

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**Measures Passed:**

**Congressional Adjournment:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 72, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

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**Honoring Father Joseph Damien de Veuster:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, honoring the contributions of Father Joseph Damien de Veuster for his service to humanity.

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**Congressional Budget:** By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 232), Senate passed H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, after striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. Con. Res. 13, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 206), Exon (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1170, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the nutritional health of children.

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(2) Exon (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1171, to express the sense of the Senate that Federal funding of law enforcement programs should be maintained, and Federal funding for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund should not be reduced. Page S7410

(3) Exon (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1173, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need to enact long-term care reforms to achieve lasting deficit reduction. Pages S7411–12

(4) Exon (for Baucus) Amendment No. 1178, to express the sense of the Senate regarding mandatory major assumptions under Function 270: Energy. (By 35 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 212), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S7416–17

(5) Exon (for Levin/Simon) Amendment No. 1179, to express the sense of the Senate regarding reducing overhead expenses in the Department of Defense.

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(6) Exon (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 1180, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the essential air service program of the Department of Transportation. Page S7418

(7) By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 214), Domenici (for Grams/Abraham/Lieberman) Amendment No. 1182, to establish procedures to provide family tax relief and incentives to stimulate savings, investment, job creation, and economic growth.

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(8) Exon (for Bingaman/Jeffords) Amendment No. 1191, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the priority that should be given to renewable energy and energy efficiency research, development, and demonstration activities. Pages S7428–29

(9) By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 231), Domenici (for Snowe) Amendment No. 1197, to reduce the reconciliation instructions to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources from \$13,795,000,000 in outlays over seven years to \$4,395,000,000 by closing tax loopholes. Pages S7442–44

Rejected:

(1) By 31 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 204), Exon (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1168, to allow the transfer of \$1 billion from the military budget for use in strengthening enforcement of immigration laws. **Page S7408**

(2) By 26 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 205), Exon (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1169, to allow the transfer of \$2 billion from the military budget for use in addressing the problem of domestic violence. **Page S7409**

(3) Exon (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1172), to provide for additional medicare payment safeguards. (By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 207), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7410-11**

(4) Exon (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1174, to express the sense of the Senate regarding losses to medicare and medicaid and other health programs due to disease and disability caused by tobacco products. (By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 208), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S7412**

(5) Exon (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 1181, to express the sense of the Senate regarding funding for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation. (By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 213), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S7418**

(6) By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 215), Exon (for Conrad) Amendment No. 1183, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7419-22**

(7) Exon (for Simon/Pell/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1184, to eliminate Section 207: Credit Reform and Guaranteed Student Loans. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 216), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S7423**

(8) Exon (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1185, to reduce military spending by \$100 to reduce the deficit. (By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 221), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7423-24, S7428**

(9) Domenici (for Craig) Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1185), to express the sense of the Congress that swine research be reduced by \$100. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 1185, listed above, was tabled.) **Pages S7424, S7428**

(10) Exon (for Simon/Bumpers) Amendment No. 1187, to eliminate the firewall between defense and nondefense discretionary accounts. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 217), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7424-25**

(11) Exon (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1188, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the inclusion in Medicare spending in the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 218), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7425, S7427**

(12) Exon (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1189, to restore \$28 billion in outlays over seven years to

reduce by \$22 billion the discretionary cuts proposed in elementary and secondary education programs and reduce the reconciliation instructions to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources by \$6 billion by closing corporate tax loopholes. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 219), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7425-28**

(13) Exon (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1190, to add \$8,871,091,316 in Budget Authority and \$6,770,659,752 in Outlays to Function 500 over seven years to restore funding to the Pell Grant Program by closing tax loopholes. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 220), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7426-28**

(14) Exon (for Bradley) Amendment No. 1193, to restore cuts in Medicare and NIH by raising the tobacco tax by \$1 a pack. (By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 223), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7430-33**

(15) Exon (for Bradley) Amendment No. 1194, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should remove tax loopholes and use the savings from closing special interest tax loopholes to reduce tax rates broadly for all classes of taxpayers. (By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 224), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7433-34**

(16) By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 226), Exon (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1195, to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Finance will limit or eliminate excessive and unnecessary tax expenditures, and express the sense of the Senate regarding the delivery of veterans' services. **Pages S7435-37**

(17) By 12 yeas to 87 nays (Vote No. 227), Exon (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1138, to reduce fiscal year 1996 defense spending by \$10 billion and apply the savings to deficit reduction. **Pages S7436-37**

(18) Exon (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1136, to direct the Committee on Finance to further reduce the deficit by limiting or eliminating excessive and unnecessary tax expenditures. (By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 228), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7437-39, S7443-44**

(19) Exon (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1141, to express the sense of the Senate regarding low-priority domestic discretionary funding to be reduced in order to pay for partial restoration of funding for the National Institutes of Health. (By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 229), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7439-40, S7444**

(20) Exon (for Bradley) Amendment No. 1196, in the nature of a substitute. (By 86 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 230), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7440-42, S7444**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 209), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon (for Johnston) Amendment No. 1175, to provide for the restoration of Medicare funding. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 210), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon (for Reid) Amendment No. 1176, to restore funding for national parks by using amounts set aside for a tax cut. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 211), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 1177, to restore funding for water infrastructure grants. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 222), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon (for Bradley) Amendment No. 1192, to establish a process to identify and control tax expenditures by setting a target for cuts. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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By 40 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 225), Senate rejected a motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on the Budget with instructions.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Subsequently, S. Con. Res. 13 was returned to the Senate Calendar.

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**Supplemental Rescissions Conference Report-Agreement:** By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 203), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropria-

tions for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S7405-07

**Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Hatch Amendment No. 1199, in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, May 26, 1995.

### Appointments:

**Advisory Committee on Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, his appointment of Dr. William L. Richter, of Kansas, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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**Advisory Committee on Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, her appointment of Richard N. Smith, of California, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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**Authority for Committees:** All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the recess/adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, May 31, 1995, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the state of small business; referred to the Committee on Small Business. (PM-53).

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ronna Lee Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Linda Kay Davis, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Eric T. Washington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Rose Ochi, of California, to be an Associate Director for National Drug Control Policy.

George K. McKinney, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Bruce A. Morrison, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2000.

J. Timothy O'Neill, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for the remainder of the term expiring February 27, 1997.

G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

S. David Fineman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2003.

Susan Y. Illston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Inez Smith Reid, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Mary Beck Briscoe, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

John Garvan Murtha, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

George A. O'Toole, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

John W. Carlin, of Kansas, to be Archivist of the United States.

Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 1995.

Patrick M. Ryan, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

71 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
1 Army nomination in the rank of Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

18 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S7579-83**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth H. Bacon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Sheryl R. Marshall, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 1998.

Peggy A. Nagae, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of three years. **Page S7581**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S7495-96**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S7496**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S7497**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S7498-S7528**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S7528**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7530-70**

**Notices of Hearings:** **Page S7570**

**Authority for Committees:** **Page S7571**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S7571-77**

**Record Votes:** Thirty record votes were taken today. (Total—232) **Pages S7405, S7408-13, S7416-19, S7422-23, S7425, S7427-28, S7433-34, S7437, S7443-44, S7473**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 8:32 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 26, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S7581.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### 1995 FARM BILL: FARM EXPORT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion concluded hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on Federal farm export programs, after receiving testimony from Eugene Moos, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Daniel Amstutz, North American Export Grain Association, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Coalition for a Competitive Food and Agricultural System; Dwayne Andreas, Archer Daniels Midland Company, Decatur, Illinois, on behalf of the Coalition to Promote United States Agricultural Exports; Dan Blackshear, Carolina Turkeys, Mt. Olive, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Turkey Federation; Rob Paarlberg, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts; Philip Johnston, CARE, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Coalition for Food Aid; and Brad Fay, North Dakota Grain Growers, Bismarck, on behalf of the United States Wheat Associates and the United States Feed Grains Council.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Bruce A. Morrison, of Connecticut, and J. Timothy O'Neill, of Virginia, each to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

### AUTHORIZATION—U.S. TERRITORIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 638, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1996 through 2001 for project development programs of United States insular areas, after

receiving testimony from Allen P. Stayman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Territorial and International Affairs; American Samoa Governor A.P. Lutali, and American Samoa Delegate Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, both of Pago Pago; Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Resident Representative Juan N. Babauta; and Wendy L. Doromal, Daytona Beach, Florida, on behalf of the foreign contract workers of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sudan, Donald K. Steinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Mosina H. Jordan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, and Lannon Walker, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Inez Smith Reid, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Ronna Lee Beck, Linda Kay Davis, and Eric T. Washington, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, and S. David Fineman, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, and John W. Carlin, of Kansas, to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

### CHILD PROTECTION REFORM

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, focusing on child protection reform measures, after receiving testimony from Richard Wexler, Pennsylvania State University, Beaver, on behalf of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform; Betty S. Spivack, Hartford Hospital/University of Connecticut Health Center, Hartford; Michael W. Weber, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago; Carol L. Hopkins, San Diego, California; Thomas D. Morton, Child Welfare Institute, Atlanta, Georgia; and James B. Wade, Cabool, Missouri.

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act of 1990, focusing on the role of business in building a better workforce, after receiving testimony from Hedrick Smith, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Carver C. Gayton, The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington; Rebecca J. Taylor, Vocational Foundation, Inc., New York, New York; John Hamill, Fleet Bank of Massachusetts, Boston; Dave Adomyetz, Rogers Group, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; and Earl Jaskol, J & J Flock Products, Easton, Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Volard, Virginia Council on Economic Education, Richmond, both on behalf of the National Council on Economic Education.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** Thirty-one public bills, H.R. 1709–1739; one private bill, H.R. 1740; and seven resolutions, H.J. Res. 93, H. Con. Res. 72–73, and H. Res. 157–160 were introduced. **Pages H5607–08**

**Reports Filed:** One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 156, providing for further consideration of H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the au-

thorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 (H. Rept. 104–130). **Pages H5584, H5607**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a message from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Bonilla to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5577**

**Medicare Select Program:** House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives

Bliley, Bilirakis, Hastert, Archer, Thomas, Johnson of Connecticut, Dingell, Waxman, Gibbons, and Stark.

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Rejected the Doggett motion that sought to instruct House conferees, when deciding on the extension period of the Medicare Select Program, to take into account the changes in Medicare increasing beneficiary cost-sharing and limiting the choice of health care providers that may be required to implement the budget resolution (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 355).

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of June 5. Agreed to meet at noon on Wednesday June 7.

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**District Work Period:** House agreed to H. Con. Res. 72, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

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**Committee Elections:** House agreed to H. Res. 157, electing the following named Members to the following standing committees:

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Representative Hastert, to rank following Mr. Burton.

Committee on Resources: Mr. Ensign.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. LaTourette.

Committee on Commerce: Mr. Deal, to rank following Mr. Cox of California.

Pages H5587-88

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday Business of June 7.

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**Presidential Message—Small Business:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the second annual report on Small Business—referred to the Committee on Small Business.

Pages H5588-89

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H5585.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FARM BILL—COTTON AND FEED GRAINS TITLES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing on the 1995 Farm bill—Cotton and Feed Grains Titles. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MILK PRICING

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on the classified pricing for milk, the appropriate number of classes within the pricing system, replacement of the Minnesota-Wisconsin ("M-W") series, formulae to deter-

mine future prices for manufacturing and Class I milk, the continuation of state make allowances, the continuation or elimination of Class III-A pricing, and multiple component pricing. Testimony was heard from Lon S. Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1667, IDA/ADB Authorization Act of 1995.

### HOMESTEADING AND NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION ACT; APPROACHES TO HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1691, Homesteading and Neighborhood Restoration Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on innovative approaches to homeownership opportunities, focusing on the efforts of Habitat for Humanity International. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Millard Fuller, founder and President, Habitat for Humanity International.

### COMMUNICATIONS ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995.

### DRUGS AND BIOLOGICS—A CONSUMER'S PERSPECTIVE

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on A Consumer's Perspective on Drugs and Biologics. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### ADAMS FRUIT CO., VERSUS BARRETT

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on *Adams Fruit Co., Inc. v. Barrett*. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FEDERAL ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* and the Committee on National Security held a joint hearing on H.R. 1670, The Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Elizabeth Salih, Contracting Officer, Fort Worth, Texas; and Stephen Daniels, Chairman, General Services Board of Contract Appeals; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Col. John M. Case, USAF, Program Director, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama; and Capt. Barry Cohen, USN, Deputy to the Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition Reform; Robert Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; and public witnesses.

**FLAG DESECRATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* On May 24, the Committee ordered reported amended H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IMPROVEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1675, National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Meehan and Cooley; Mollie Beattie, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Endangered Species Act Task Force concluded oversight hearings on the Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Rolland Schmitt, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; David G. Unger, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Thomas A. Kourlis, Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

**AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a recorded vote of 7-3, a rule providing for the further consideration of amendments to H.R. 1561, Overseas Interests Act of 1995, for an additional period of 6 hours after the expiration of the initial 10-hour amendment process provided for in H. Res. 155.

The rule permits the consideration only of amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by May 24, 1995, under the five-minute rule, pro forma amendments for debate purposes, amendments considered en bloc pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 155 if printed in the RECORD by May 24th (and germane modifications thereof), and an amendment by the chairman of the International Relations Committee, after consultation with the ranking minority member, if otherwise in order, even though not printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

**SBA'S DISASTER ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on the SBA's Dis-

aster Assistance Loan Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Jim Hammersley, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance; James Rivera, Senior Loan Officer; and Karen Lee, Deputy Inspector General; and Quirina Iannazzo, Administrative Program Manager, Emergency Management Agency, State of Massachusetts.

**AMTRAK REFORM AND PRIVITIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads approved for full Committee action the Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1995.

**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health concluded hearings to explore increasing and improving options for Medicare Beneficiaries, with emphasis on the Potential Role for Employers, Associations, and Medical Savings Accounts in the Medicare Program, with emphasis on the Potential Role for Employers, Associations, and Medical Savings Accounts in the Medicare Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MAY 26, 1995**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the General Accounting Office, and the Office of Technology Assessment, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

*Committee on Finance,* business meeting, to resume markup of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* business meeting, to consider the nomination of Henry W. Foster Jr., of Tennessee, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and to mark up S. 850, authorizing funds for programs of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, 9 a.m., SD-430.

**House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m. Friday, May 26

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, June 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will resume consideration of S. 735, Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act.

## House Chamber

**Program For Tuesday:** No legislative business is scheduled.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue.

## HOUSE

Barcia, James A., Mich., E1121  
 Barrett, Thomas M., Wis., E1124  
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